GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COAL
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2605
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FIRE IN GAYARA COLLIERY
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Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether a fire broke out in the basement of Gayara Colliery in Bankola area under the Eastern Coalfields Ltd. recently;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government suffered revenue losses on this account; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE COAL (SHRI N.T. SHANMUGAM)

(a) to (d) :There is no colliery by the name of Gayara in Bankola Area or in any other area of Eastern Coalfield Limited. However there is one Moira Collieryin which an incident of fire on 9th July, 2000 was reported to Manager of Moira Colliery of Bankola Area of ECL. Immediate steps were taken to tackle the fire by cutting off power supply to underground workings, stoppage of entry of persons below ground and setting up of control room. Senior officials of the Area and Colliery inspected the mine on 9.7.2000. On further inspection the seat of fire was located and steps were taken to isolate the fire. The fire was sealed off on 17.7.2000.

The total loss of revenue suffered due to fire is Rs.32.50 lakhs. Manshift has been diverted to alternate job including construction of sand bag stopping, material carrying for dealing with fire .